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REMARKS

Claims 131-147 are pending in the application. With this response, the Applicants have canceled claims 131-142 and 145-147, and amended claim 143. No new matter has been added.

In section 10 of the Final Action dated May 16, 2005, the Examiner submits that claims 143-144 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have rewritten claim 143 in independent form to incorporate the features of claims 139, 141 and 142. The Applicants also submit that claim 144 does not require rewriting in view of its dependency on claim 143.

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The Applicants submit that all claims of the application as amended herein are in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the two-month extension fee any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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-Petition for 2-month extension of time